

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : 14-CR-00026 (ARR)

-against- : U.S. Courthouse

: Brooklyn, New York

VINCENT ASARO :
JEROME ASARO :
JACK BONVENTRE :
THOMAS DIFIORE :
JOHN RAGANO :

Defendants : June 11, 2014

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BEFORE:

HONORABLE ALLYNE R. ROSS
United States District Judge

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18 (Time Noted: 2:13 p.m.)

19 THE CLERK: United States of America against Vincent
20 Asaro, et al. Docket number 14-CR-26.

21 Counsel, please state your names for the record.

22 MS. ARGENTIERI: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

23 Nicole Argentieri for the United States.

24 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

25 MS. ARGENTIERI: Present with me at counsel table is

1 MS. ARGENTIERI: I believe there's an attachment.

2 THE COURT: I don't have the attachment. The order
3 does recite that there's an Exhibit A. I don't have it.

4 MS. MACEDONIO: It was sort of scribbled on here,
5 Your Honor. My apologies.

6 THE COURT: These are the designated --

7 MS. MACEDONIO: Paralegals.

8 THE COURT: Paralegals. So there are three
9 designated paralegals.

10 MS. MACEDONIO: Two paralegals and another lawyer.

11 THE COURT: That's fine. We will affix these and
12 docket and file this. Okay.

13 MS. MACEDONIO: The only other issue that I have,
14 Your Honor, several weeks ago I had requested from the MDC to
15 get my client's medical records. I spoke to Ms. McFarland
16 this morning before the hearing started, and she assured me
17 she will look into that.

18 THE COURT: Anything else?

19 Yes, Mr. Zissou.

20 MR. ZISSOU: Yes, Your Honor. Not about this issue.
21 It's about the schedule is what I want to address.

22 THE COURT: That's fine.

23 MR. ZISSOU: Judge, I think, and I've been clear
24 about it from the beginning, that Mr. DiFiore's case is
25 different materially from most of the rest of the case. I

1 think the closest to him is Mr. Ragano in terms of simplicity
2 of the case. The indictment was filed in January, it's now
3 June. And while I have volunteered two people who work for me
4 to participate in the discovery conference, frankly, I don't
5 need them. Mr. DiFiore and I have more than enough time to go
6 through discovery material without them. And I think Your
7 Honor should consider scheduling the trial so that counsel
8 can --

9 THE COURT: Well, I do too. Where are we in this
10 process? We've ironed out, I hope, procedures for listening
11 to the tapes. But now that we have done that?

12 MS. ARGENTIERI: I think where we last -- two weeks
13 ago, Judge, is that we said we would wrap up discovery within
14 six weeks, which is four weeks from now. And I think the next
15 phase of the case is to schedule pretrial motions.

16 THE COURT: We can do that right now.

17 MR. ZISSOU: I think on the back end of that should
18 be a trial date.

19 THE COURT: I'm happy to put it in for a trial date.
20 I have no problem with that.

21 MS. MACEDONIO: Judge, I think that some of the
22 defendants are in very different positions. We've now, it
23 appears, ironed out the issues with regard to us being able to
24 listen to the recordings. But there are hundred of hours of
25 them. I'm not in a position to set a motion schedule or a